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Sir:

Enclosed is a PTO Form 1449 as well as a copy of the non-U.S. patent reference cited therein. According to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(3)(i), the Applicants are required to provide a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood, regarding the content of the information of the German patent that is not in the English language. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the relevance of the cited foreign patent is related to the Figures depicted in said foreign patent, as they relate to the subject matter of the present invention. In other words, the Figures of the foreign patent appear to disclose an application related to the subject matter of the present invention.

The reference is being submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and the requisite fee of \$180.00 is attached hereto.

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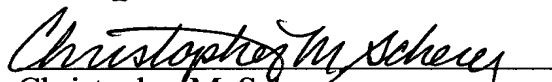
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It is respectfully submitted that all requirements have been fulfilled for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement, and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney with any questions or comments, or otherwise to facilitate prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20	=	x	= \$0.00			
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20						
Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)			
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